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Application of: Robinson, et al.
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Entitled: "Obesity Gene"

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 22, 2002. Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response three months, up to, and including, November 22, 2002, along with the necessary fee. A check is enclosed to cover the petition fee. Please charge any additional fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, reference No. 18396/1140.

Kindly enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification

- 1) On page 1, after "Obesity Gene" please replace the paragraph after the heading "Cross Reference to Related Applications" inserted on page 1 by the February 20, 2002 amendment in response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2001 (paper number 26) with the following amended paragraph:

 This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to International Application serial